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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 31.9 million eggs during the week ending October 10, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.0 million eggs during the same week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 10, 2020 for the United States were 7.61 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 22.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.4 million chicks, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	September 5, 2020	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,256	32,241	31,581	32,262	31,089	31,870	99
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209	104
Georgia	33,198	33,574	32,265	33,573	32,427	32,993	99
South Carolina....	5,265	5,754	5,774	5,253	5,339	5,360	97
United States	225,415	225,438	220,978	227,241	220,510	223,622	102

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), October 14, 2020

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Alabama	23,969	24,288	24,782	23,215	23,809	22,694	103
Florida	1,310	1,304	1,298	1,281	1,279	1,219	95
Georgia	27,377	26,217	25,807	25,765	26,170	25,357	89
South Carolina....	4,354	5,680	5,219	4,690	5,197	5,165	114
United States	186,712	186,838	186,296	181,464	181,892	177,334	97

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Alabama	32,256	32,241	31,581	32,262	31,089	31,870
Arkansas	23,173	22,272	22,832	23,763	23,112	22,050
Delaware	4,797	4,796	4,015	4,797	4,796	4,789
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209
Georgia	33,198	33,574	32,265	33,573	32,427	32,993
Kentucky	7,771	6,698	7,112	7,372	7,710	7,028
Louisiana	3,319	3,067	3,409	3,288	3,288	3,288
Maryland	8,145	7,111	7,638	7,901	7,631	7,631
Mississippi	16,016	16,325	16,240	16,812	15,614	16,123
Missouri	8,851	8,825	8,029	8,299	8,521	8,938
North Carolina	22,628	22,965	22,856	23,813	23,016	22,673
Oklahoma	6,747	7,325	6,523	7,192	6,331	6,451
Pennsylvania	6,360	6,326	6,339	6,222	6,091	6,304
South Carolina	5,265	5,754	5,774	5,253	5,339	5,360
Texas	16,100	16,820	16,589	16,434	16,039	16,601
Virginia	6,005	6,021	5,847	6,320	5,601	6,320
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,346	12,772	11,408	12,282	12,015	12,237
Other States	11,275	11,383	11,358	10,495	10,681	11,757
United States	225,415	225,438	220,978	227,241	220,510	223,622
Percent of previous year	100	101	97	100	100	102

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Alabama	23,969	24,288	24,782	23,215	23,809	22,694
Arkansas	21,396	21,545	21,893	20,990	20,920	21,642
Delaware	4,407	5,010	4,213	5,417	5,088	4,383
Florida	1,310	1,304	1,298	1,281	1,279	1,219
Georgia	27,377	26,217	25,807	25,765	26,170	25,357
Kentucky	5,758	5,880	6,240	6,831	5,299	6,031
Louisiana	2,829	2,933	2,957	2,960	2,782	3,081
Maryland	6,581	5,312	5,779	5,198	5,505	5,723
Mississippi	14,576	14,406	14,153	13,676	13,929	13,839
Missouri	5,874	5,641	6,312	5,874	6,455	5,406
North Carolina	20,008	19,508	19,394	18,399	18,214	17,930
Oklahoma	4,840	4,896	4,335	4,493	3,781	3,111
Pennsylvania	4,886	4,839	4,825	4,825	4,802	4,776
South Carolina	4,354	5,680	5,219	4,690	5,197	5,165
Texas	14,465	14,472	13,864	13,365	13,677	13,391
Virginia	5,126	5,651	5,360	5,417	4,846	5,063
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,424	10,909	11,383	10,599	11,375	9,864
Other States	8,532	8,347	8,482	8,469	8,764	8,659
United States	186,712	186,838	186,296	181,464	181,892	177,334
Percent of previous year	99	100	100	99	101	97

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